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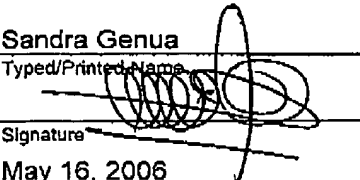
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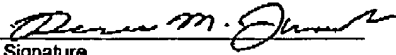
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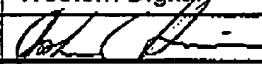
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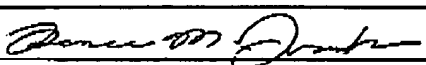
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Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby submit this response to the post-RCE non-final Office Action of May 05, 2005, and respectfully request that it be entered.

Pending Claims are listed beginning on page 2 of this paper for the examiner's convenience.

Remarks traversing the claim rejections begin on page 4 of this paper.